

§ 250.1901 What is the goal of my SEMS program?

The goal of your SEMS program is to promote safety and environmental protection by ensuring all personnel aboard a facility are complying with the policies and procedures identified in your SEMS.

(a) To accomplish this goal, you must ensure that your SEMS program identifies, addresses, and manages safety, environmental hazards, and impacts during the design, construction, start-up, operation, inspection, and maintenance of all new and existing facilities, including mobile offshore drilling units (MODU) while under BOEMRE jurisdiction and Department of Interior (DOI) regulated pipelines.

(b) All personnel involved with your SEMS program must be trained to have the skills and knowledge to perform their assigned duties.

§ 250.1902 What must I include in my SEMS program?

You must have a properly documented SEMS program in place and make it available to BOEMRE upon request as required by § 250.1924(b).

(a) Your SEMS program must meet the minimum criteria outlined in this subpart, including the following SEMS program elements:

- (1) General (*see* § 250.1909)
- (2) Safety and Environmental Information (*see* § 250.1910)
- (3) Hazards Analysis (*see* § 250.1911)
- (4) Management of Change (*see* § 250.1912)
- (5) Operating Procedures (*see* § 250.1913)
- (6) Safe Work Practices (*see* § 250.1914)
- (7) Training (*see* § 250.1915)
- (8) Mechanical Integrity (Assurance of Quality and Mechanical Integrity of Critical Equipment) (*see* § 250.1916)
- (9) Pre-startup Review (*see* § 250.1917)
- (10) Emergency Response and Control (*see* § 250.1918)
- (11) Investigation of Incidents (*see* § 250.1919)
- (12) Auditing (Audit of Safety and Environmental Management Program Elements) (*see* §§ 250.1920)
- (13) Recordkeeping (Records and Documentation) and additional BOEMRE requirements (*see* § 250.1928).

(b) You must also include a job safety analysis (JSA) for OCS activities identified or discussed in your SEMS program (*see* § 250.1911(b)).

(c) Your SEMS program must meet or exceed the standards of safety and environmental protection of API RP 75 (incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198).

§ 250.1903 Definitions.

Definitions listed in this section apply to this subpart and supersede definitions in API RP 75, Appendices D and E (incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198).

Designated and qualified personnel means employees (not contractors) that are knowledgeable of your program, and have actual work experience and training in implementing and auditing a SEMS or a similar program in an offshore oil and gas environment.

Personnel means direct employee(s) of the operator and contracted workers who are involved with or affected by specific jobs or tasks.

§ 250.1904 Documents incorporated by reference.

The effect of incorporation by reference of a document into the regulations in this part is that the incorporated document is a requirement. When a section in this part incorporates all of a document, you are responsible for complying with the provisions of that entire document, except to the extent that section provides otherwise. If any incorporated document uses the word “should”, it means must for purposes of these regulations.

§§ 250.1905–250.1908 [Reserved]

§ 250.1909 What are management’s general responsibilities for the SEMS program?

You, through your management, must require that the program elements discussed in API RP 75 (incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198) and in this subpart are properly documented and are available at field and office locations, as appropriate for each program element. You,